Survey of Games Sanctuary, Assam

4578. SHRI TARA CHARAN MAJUMDAR : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Zoological Survey of India etc. did not carry out any proper survey in the Games Sanctuary in Assam so far to ascertain bio-diversity; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) The Zoological Survey of India have surveyed the Manas Biosphere Reserve and the Kaziranga National Park in Assam to ascertain the status of the biodiversity in these areas.

(b) Does not arise.

Compilation of statistics on rose wood & teak wood

4579. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has compiled any statistics on the approximate rosewood and teakwood still standing in the Reserve Forests of Polavaram range, Wert Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to protect the existing stock of valuable teakwood and rosewood in that district ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) Statistics have been compiled on the basis of the growing stock of 50 different spe cies in Polavaram Range of West Goda vari District by carrying out sample plot enumerations, as a part of the latest working plan exercise.

(b) As per the enumeration, th* following is the estimated population of Teak and Rose wood in the Polavaram Range :

	No. of Trees/Ha.	Vol./Ha(Cum.)
Teak wood	2	0.510
Rose wood	4	0.474

The total number of Teakwood trees is estimated as 48720 and those of Rosewood as 97440.

(c) The following steps are being taken to protect the existing stock of valuable teakwood and rosewood in West Godavari District :—

(i)One Flying Squad party headed by a DFO has been established at Eluru, District Headquarters of West Godavari district to supplement the efforts of the DFO of Flying Squad party at Rajahmundry.

(ii) One mobile party with a van stationed at Koraturu on the bank of River Godavari to arrest smuggling.

(iii) Two more sections have been created with requisite staff for intensive management and strengthening protection.

(iv) One more new check-post has been opened at Mogulla on the way to Sitanagaram to Rajahmundry in addition to the existing three check-posts.

(v) During the rainy season, an additional motorboat is hired for three to four months to stop smuggling by River Godavari.

रोला हिमाचल प्रदेश में ग्रेट हिमालय नेशनल पार्क'' का निर्माण

4580. श्री महेश्वर सिंह : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) हिमाचल प्रदेश के कुल्लू जिला में रोला नामक स्थान पर "ग्रेट हिमालय नेशनल पार्क" के निर्माण की अद्यतन स्थिति क्या है;

(ख) क्या प्रभावित व्यक्तियों को कलक्टर के निर्णय अनुसार भूमि का आवंटन

कर दिया गया है; यदि हां, तो कुल कितने व्यक्तियों को भूमि आबंटित की गई है और उनके नाम क्या हैं तथा उनमें से प्रत्येक व्यक्ति को कितनी-कितनी भूमि आबंटित की गई है; और

(ग) क्या कलैक्टर ने प्रभावित व्यक्तियों की क्षतिपूर्ति करने तथा उनके अधिकारों के निर्धारण के संबंध में अन्तिम निर्णय देते हुए अपना प्रतिवेदन दे दिया है, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) पार्क की स्थापना के लिए हिमाचल प्रदेश की सरकार द्वारा प्रथम अधिसूचना पहले ही जारी की जा चुकी है ।

(ख) और (ग) कलैक्टर ने अभी अपनी अंतिम रिपोर्ट नहीं दी है, क्योंकि हकों के निर्धारण तथा भूमि के आबंटन संबंधी प्रक्रिया अभी चल रही है ।

Air pollution in Metropolitan Cities

4581. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of automobiles in pro portion to people in different Metropoli tan cities and the resultant degree of air pollution and environmental degradation in each Metropolitan city; and

(b) the Various programmes being en visaged and implemented by Government for tackling this crippling problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) The number of automobiles in proportion to the people in the major Metropolitan cities and the resultant pollution load is given in the annexed statement (*see* below). Monitoring of the ambient air quality in these cities indicate that the levels of major ambient air quality parameters in certain locations is exceeding the prescribed limits.

(b) The programmes being envisaged or under implementation to control pollution in Metropolitan cities include the following :—

(i) Standards for ambient air quality and effluent and emission standards for the major polluting industries have been notified.

(ii) Industries have been directed to install necessary pollution control equipment on a time-bound basis and legal action is taken against the defaulting units.

(iii) Environmental guidelines have been evolved for siting and operation of industries.

(iv) For control of Pollution from vehicles emission norms for both petrol and diesel-driven vehicles have been notified under the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and these are under implementation from 1990.

(v) The various State Transport Directorates have been advised to enforce these standards.

(vi) Public awareness campaigns have been launched on various measures to prevent and control pollution from vehicles.

(vii) More stringent norms for vehicular emissions have been notified under the Central Motor Vehicles Rules in September, 1993 which would come into effect from April, 1996.

(viii) Automobile manufacturers have been asked to develop and improve their technology to meet the more stringent standards for emissions from vehicles.

(ix) City planners are advised to incorporate in their plans the long-term requirements of city transportation.